

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were previously canceled by a Preliminary Amendment submitted with the present application as filed on 10/23/01 and a new claim 31 was added. This Second Preliminary Amendment amends claim 31 and adds new claims 32-60, which are fully supported by the original application as filed and are intended to more closely correspond to acceptable U.S. claiming format. The amendments to claim 31 are provided solely for the purpose of providing claim 31 in a form that more closely corresponds to acceptable U.S. claiming format. Therefore, claims 31-60 are now presented in connection with this application.

MARKED UP VERSION OF ALL AMENDED CLAIMS

31. (NEW) A [Heat] heat-exchanger tube[, particularly] suitable for [the] use in
an internal heat exchanger of a motor-vehicle high-pressure air-conditioning system, the
heat-exchanger tube comprising:

[with] a central channel [that features] having a closed wall[,] from which
[several] a plurality of projections extend into the central channel[,]; and

[with] a plurality of [several] outer channels that are arranged concentric to the
central channel and that are separated from each other by partitions.